

thankful for the airmen and the sailors who fight them from the sky and sea. I'm thankful there are people who would give their lives so that others can live in freedom.

I'm thankful for you. It is wonderful to have friends and family back home who care for me and pray for me.

I'm thankful for God above. I am here by His design and I will only come home by his grace.

All in all, not bad. Not bad at all.

#### TRIBUTE TO CAROL SALISBURY

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, on this occasion I pay tribute to a dear friend and employee, Carol Salisbury. Carol joined my office in January of 1991, when I was first elected to Congress from the Fourth Congressional District. One of my original staffers, Carol has served my office and the people of Colorado for 14 years, and she has done so with grace and conviction. She will be leaving my office in January 2005.

Carol began her career working out of my Fort Collins congressional office, and later, the Senate offices in Greeley and Loveland. As area director, she managed the office and provided dedicated service on a variety of issues, including housing and healthcare. Carol was instrumental in establishing the Fall River Visitor Center at Rocky Mountain National Park, the acquisition of Cherokee Park by the Forest Service, and many other smaller objects that have greatly benefitted our public lands and will lead to greater enjoyment by the public. She was passionate about historic preservation and worked tirelessly on behalf of many worthwhile interests, including the historic Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad in Southern California. Her presence on Team Allard will be missed and I know the Northern Colorado community will miss her as well. Carol was a hard working and earnest friend and employee.

My wife, Joan, joins me in thanking her for dedication and loyalty. We both wish her and her husband Jack the best in their future endeavors.

#### TRIBUTE TO MARTI MORGAN

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I express my appreciation and gratitude to Marti Morgan for her dedicated service and contributions to my office and to the people of Colorado. Marti will be leaving my office on January 5, 2005. As the 108th Congress concludes, a career that began during the 102d Congress comes to a successful and resounding conclusion.

Marti began working in my office nearly 13 years ago, in January 1992. Working out of my northern Colorado office, located first in Fort Collins and Greeley and then in Loveland, Marti has been an excellent employee and a true constituent representative. Her work and expertise in the areas of natural resources, water, and endangered species, among others, will be truly missed. Through her tireless work, she has helped me protect and improve na-

tional treasures like the Rocky Mountain National Park. Having served as my academy nominations coordinator, Marti has assisted thousands of Colorado's best and brightest youth in their aspirations to become the future leaders of our military and our nation.

My wife, Joan, joins me in expressing our thanks for Marti's many years of hard work, and in wishing her the best for whatever venture she may pursue in the future.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### NEW JERSEY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

• Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute and to recognize a New Jersey organization celebrating its tenth anniversary, the New Jersey Community Development Corporation, NJCDC. I wish to take a moment now to honor NJCDC for the important work it is doing in the State of New Jersey and the accomplishments it has achieved over the past decade.

The work of the NJCDC has helped make the dreams of New Jersey residents become a reality for over a decade now. The NJCDC provides hope for a rewarding future through urban revitalization efforts, financial support, education initiatives, and the creation of jobs. The work done by NJCDC has directly transformed the lives of many, especially in the city of Paterson, where I was born.

In honor of the accomplishments of this organization, I ask that a proclamation honoring the tenth anniversary of the NJCDC be printed in the RECORD.

The proclamation follows.

Whereas, the New Jersey Community Development Corporation is a non-profit community development and social service agency based in the City of Paterson, New Jersey; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Community Development Corporation and its dedicated staff empowers individuals to transform their lives and offers a variety of programs and services to assist economically disadvantaged individuals, at-risk youth, and people with disabilities; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Community Development Corporation helps create jobs, support affordable housing, generate educational initiatives, and support men, women, and children of the community; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Community Development Corporation has contributed to the revitalization of the City of Paterson and the Great Falls Historic District, helping to ensure a vibrant future for the City and its residents; and

Whereas, now as the New Jersey Community Development Corporation prepares to celebrate its 10th Anniversary, we congratulate the staff and volunteers on this milestone.

Therefore, in presenting this citation to the New Jersey Community Development Corporation, I, Frank R. Lautenberg, United States Senator, State of New Jersey, on behalf of the People of the State of New Jersey hereby congratulate the New Jersey Community Development Corporation on its contributions to the community, the City of Paterson, and the State of New Jersey. •

#### TRIBUTE TO MRS. MARIE PRINGLE

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Mrs. Marie Pringle who is retiring this month from the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA. Mrs. Pringle's retirement is well deserved after serving more than 30 years for the Federal Government, including over 20 years in the VA's Office of Budget. Mrs. Pringle epitomizes the best of public service in terms of her dedication, commitment, hard work, and professionalism.

Mrs. Pringle began her Federal service in 1972 with the Department of Army as a clerk typist. She then moved on to the Department of Energy in 1978 to work as a budget analyst. After a 2-year period in the private sector, Mrs. Pringle returned to the Federal Government working for the VA's Office of Budget. At the VA, Mrs. Pringle worked diligently in analyzing the budgetary activities of the Department whose budget has grown to some \$68 billion.

As chairman of the VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, my staff and I have found Mrs. Pringle to be an invaluable resource for reliable and timely data that was critical in helping me make decisions impacting the millions of veterans who depend on the VA. Further, Mrs. Pringle provided my subcommittee with technical expertise that helped us develop our appropriations bills.

Mrs. Pringle's departure is a great loss to the Department and my subcommittee and she will be missed. I commend Mrs. Pringle for her outstanding public service to the American Taxpayer and the millions of our veterans. I wish Mrs. Pringle and her husband Darian all the best. •

#### HARRISON LIM

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize Harrison Lim, the founder and executive director of Charity Cultural Services, who is retiring after 21 years of dedicated service to the community.

Mr. Lim emigrated from China to San Francisco over 30 years ago. Upon his arrival in America, he struggled with the difficulties of learning a new language and assimilating into a new culture. As he worked hard to establish himself in his new country, Mr. Lim noticed that there were other immigrants who faced similar situations. Seeing the struggles of immigrants, Mr. Lim dedicated his life to making sure that new immigrants had resources available to them to ease the transition of immigration.

To achieve this goal, Mr. Lim founded and established Charity Cultural Services Center, CCSC, in 1983. Located in the heart of San Francisco's Chinatown, CCSC aimed to provide essential services to new Asian American immigrants and their families. Today, CCSC successfully assists over 4,000 people